431 Patterson Bridge Road

John Day, Oregon 97845

Phone 541-575-3000

Reply to: 2430

Date: August 5, 2015

Dear Prospective Bidder:

The Forest Service will receive technical and price proposals (no public opening) at 431 Patterson Bridge Road, John Day, Oregon 97845 no later than 10:30 AM local time on or before 09/04/2015 for the Wolf South Stewardship Contract. This contract is T.16S., R.33E., sections 22,23; T.17S.,R.33E., sections1,4,5,6,25,26,27,28,29,31,32,33,34,35,36; T.18S.,R.33E., section 7,8,9,12,17,18; T.16S.,R.3 1/2E, section22; T.17S.,R.331/2E, sections1,2,3,34,35; T.18S.,R.33 1/2E, sections10,11,12,13,14,15, Willamette Meridian, Oregon. Contract Form (FS-2400-13) will be used. The termination date for this contract is 03/31/2020.

This Stewardship Contract includes the removal of timber and the completion four (4) restoration service type projects meant to improve ecological conditions within the Malheur National Forest. Contractor will earn stewardship credits equal to the value of service work completed and accepted that will offset an equal amount of stumpage required to be paid by the contractor.

Measurement of the estimated quantities will be made after felling. The total estimated quantity on this contract is 55,111. The Forest Service encourages potential bidders to make their own inspection and estimate prior to bid submission. The Forest Service makes no representation, warranty, or guarantee of the accuracy of the following quantity estimates;

Estimated Quantities and Minimum Acceptable Rates per Unit of Measure

Require	d Deposits						
Species	Product	Unit of Measure	Estimated Quantities	Minimum Acceptable Bid Rates	Base Rates	Slash Disposal	Road Maintenance
Ponderosa Pine	Sawtimber	Ton	46,136	\$4.99	.26	0	\$1.68
Ponderosa Pine	Green bio CV.	Ton	8,973	\$4.99	.26		\$1.68
	TOTAL		55,111				

A bid guarantee is not required.

The minimum acceptable bid for advertised timber is \$4.99 per ton for biddable species.





Bidders are required to submit a Bid Price/Best Value proposal for this contract. Contract award will be based on a determination of which proposal constitutes the best value to the Government. Proposals will be submitted in two parts and will include a Technical and a Price Proposal. Details on what to include in the proposals are stated in the Bid Form. Award will be made to the bidder whose offer is both technically acceptable and whose technical/price relationship is the most advantageous to the Government. The Government may, when in its interest, reject any or all offers or waive any informality in bids received. A written award mailed, or otherwise furnished to the successful Bidder, shall be deemed to result in a binding contract without further action by either party.

A meeting for prospective offerors to discuss objectives and requirements and review the projects and contract and to discuss technical proposals for both the Timber Harvest and Stewardship Projects will be held on August 13, 2015 at 11:00 a.m. local time, at the Wolf project area. A carpool will leave the Malheur National Forest, Supervisor Office, 431 Patterson Bridge Road, John Day, Oregon 97845 Phone 541-575-3000 at 10:00 a.m. to travel to the Project Area.

If you wish further information on this contract, the prospectus, bid form, and the restorative service projects, please write or call Malheur National Forest, Supervisor Office, 431 Patterson Bridge Road, John Day, Oregon 97845 Phone 541-575-3340, or go to the forests' webpage at http://www.fs.usda.gov/malheur.

Sincerely,

Arnie Cole Contracting Officer